



**Volunteer with Project Ability**



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We're excited to welcome applications from visual artists across all art forms, to join our volunteering programme within our unique supported studios.

Over a 10-week block of workshops, you'll gain hands-on, supported experience in our busy studios, working alongside our artists and tutors.

Volunteer opportunities are available across our three specialist programmes; Aspire, Create, and ReConnect, with morning and afternoon sessions running Monday to Saturday.

During your time with us, you'll have the chance to connect with our artists, be inspired by their creativity, and build your experience in inclusive arts practice.

**Opportunities start: Week commencing Monday 13th July 2026**

**Deadline to apply: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Interviews: 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Good luck - we can't wait to hear from you!





## About Project Ability

Project Ability supports, encourages, celebrates and platforms diversity within the contemporary visual arts sector. Based in Glasgow's award winning Trongate 103 building, we manage an accessible and professional studio as well as delivering a year-round programme of workshops, masterclasses, training and exhibitions.

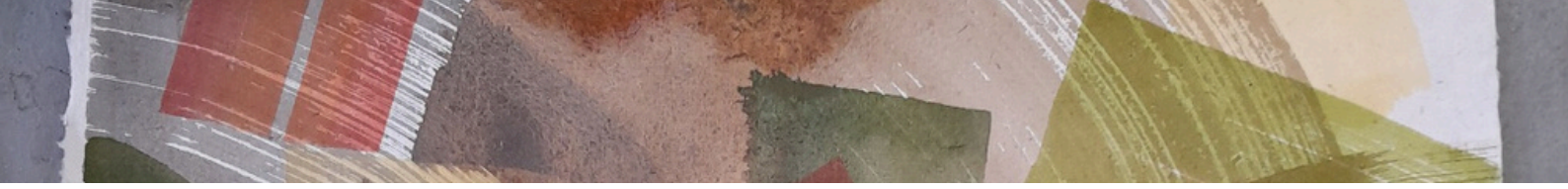
We reach out and connect people and communities across Scotland. We are a strong and vibrant community of artists and those taking part learn skills and gain confidence from working alongside their peers. Networking and opportunities for professional development enable people to build a career in the arts. Our gallery and shop promotes the artists and their work, delights audiences and provides sales opportunities for the artists.

**Aspire** visual arts workshops are for adults with learning disabilities. They take place from Monday to Friday, with two sessions per day. Our workshops have a person-centred approach, with our tutors supporting artists to work on themes of interest to them. Artists develop their individual practices by exploring the wide range of visual arts materials on offer, including drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics.

**ReConnect** is a visual art studio for those with a lived experience of mental ill health. Our ReConnect studios are open Tuesday- Thursday, with our ReConnect artists working independently on personal projects. A tutor is on hand to assist with any support our artists may need, from finding materials, discussing thoughts and ideas, to helping our artists develop their own art making practices.

**Create** is our children and young people's programme, which runs on Saturdays and supports young people with disabilities aged 5 to 28. These workshops are person centred, offering tailored support to our young artists and encouraging them to explore a wide range of materials and techniques as they discover their individual art practices and interests.

All of our activities are tailored to the individuals we work with  
and are fully inclusive.



## **Role of the volunteer**

- Support our studio sessions in either Aspire, Create or ReConnect programmes.
- Offer assistance and get to know our artists, supporting them to explore materials, techniques and ideas.
- Assist our workshop facilitators in our studio sessions. Offering support with set up, locating materials and assisting our artists throughout the duration of any given workshop.
- Be open and willing to share skills and ideas and feel part of our unique community of artists.
- Work 1:1 when necessary, to support an artist within the workshop to get started, find inspiration, to explore techniques and develop creative projects under the supervision and support of the workshop facilitator.

## **Volunteer**

We are looking for professionally trained or undergraduate visual artists, at any stages of their careers.

This role will suit someone who enjoys the challenge and vibrancy of supporting artists from a wide range of life experiences, in their individual art making. We are particularly looking for someone who would be excited to be part of a unique artist community, be open to share ideas and processes, as well as able to offer support and encouragement and nurture our visual artists during their time with us in our busy workshops.

## **Key skills and interests**

- Be an active artist or maker.
- Open to sharing skills and ideas with our visual artists.
- Patient and open to learn from our artists and be understanding of the diverse range of ways that our artists may communicate.
- Willingness to learn and be open.
- Passionate about being part of our unique artist's community.
- Organised with great time-keeping.



# Applications

## Time commitment

- One day a week (5 hours) or a half day (2.5 hours). Workshop sessions run Monday - Friday for Aspire, Tuesday - Thursday for ReConnect and Saturday for Create.
- Available to commit to a block of workshops (Approximately 10 sessions over a 10 week block)

## Support and development

Volunteers receive:

- An induction to Project Ability with the Operations Manager.
- An overview of the group that they will be placed with and ongoing support from the team.
- Hands-on supported experience in our studio sessions, with supervision of inclusive arts practices and support from our workshop facilitators.
- Out of pocket travel expenses, with receipts.
- A review after the end of the block of workshops, with the potential to extend the opportunity for a final second block of workshops.
- Updates on any training and other opportunities that may become available during their time with us.
- Project Ability will apply for PVG scheme membership for successful applicants

## How to apply

Download and complete the application form from our website.

Send your completed application form or any queries to Beth Black at [coordinator@project-ability.co.uk](mailto:coordinator@project-ability.co.uk)

Volunteers from diverse backgrounds and experiences are supported and encouraged to apply.

